

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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### REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action dated November 16, 2007. Claim 8 is amended such that claims 8 and 17-20 are now pending in this application.

#### Applicant Summary of Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Drodge for his courtesy during the telephone interviews conducted on February 25, 2007. Applicants' attorney and Examiner Drodge agreed that claim 8 as amended makes claim 8 more consistent with the specification such that claims 8 and 17-20 are allowable. Support for the amendment to claim 8 is found in the drawings and page 5, lines 1-8 of Applicants' specification.

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### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 373-6977 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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